

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JESSE BROWN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Congressman JEFF DENHAM to honor Jesse Brown for his years of dedicated service to Merced County. Jesse is the Executive Director of the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) and will be retiring after twenty-four years in the position.

MCAG was formed in 1967 by the local governments in the Merced County region as a forum for making key decisions on regional growth and transportation issues. Jesse took on his position in 1988. He is well known for his leadership in promoting regional solutions to the many challenges facing the region, including transportation, public transit and solid waste. In his thirty years of public service, Jesse has successfully worked to build partnerships at the state and federal level to ensure the San Joaquin Valley remains a high priority.

Jesse has served as Chair of the California Council of Governments Director Association, President of the San Joaquin Valley Transportation Planning Directors Association, and Executive Director of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System, known as YARTS. Additionally, he served as a committee member through the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce to ensure that Merced was the choice place for the tenth campus of the University of California.

Jesse has a Bachelor's in Public Administration and M.S. in Urban Planning from the University of Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, we thank you for the opportunity to recognize Jesse Brown and his career with the Merced County Association of Governments. Further, we appreciate you joining us in thanking him for his dedicated service to Merced County and his commitment to the betterment of the region. We wish him well during this next chapter of his life.

HONORING LLOYD LACUESTA
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
KTVU

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

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Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Lloyd LaCuesta upon his retirement from KTVU.

Lloyd retires on June 15th, after over 35 years of reporting with KTVU Channel 2 News. Lloyd held the position of South Bay Bureau Chief for decades and is the longest tenured reporter at KTVU. He received his

B.A. in Journalism and Political Science from California State University, Los Angeles, and San Jose State University. He obtained his M.A. in Journalism from University of California, Los Angeles.

Lloyd worked for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner as a high school correspondent and then in radio at KNBC/KNX. Lloyd later served in the U.S. Army as a military broadcast journalist for the American Forces Korea Network before coming to KTVU in 1976.

From 1987–1990, Lloyd served as Asian American Journalists Association's (AAJA) first elected national president. In 1991, Lloyd co-founded the UNITY alliance to increase diversity in the news and served as its first president. His mentorship, reputation, and service earned him AAJA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

Lloyd covered stories ranging from the L.A. Riots in 1992 and the Columbine high school shooting to the first landing of the Space Shuttle at Edwards Air Force Base and a flight into Mr. St. Helen's volcano crater. His reporting led him to the Philippines to cover the Marcos vs. Aquino Presidential campaign, Honduras to report on Hurricane Mitch, and Vietnam to produce a series on Amerasian children.

For his work, Lloyd has won six Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received awards from the Associated Press and the Peninsula Press Club. He uses his expertise to teach journalism at San Jose State University and Menlo College.

We honor Lloyd LaCuesta, on the special occasion of his retirement and will miss him on the ten o'clock news. We commend Lloyd for his invaluable service to our community and wish him the best in his future adventures. We are very fortunate to have benefited from his dedication, tenacity, and perspective. He has left his mark in San Jose and the larger community.

SUSAN J. CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Susan J. Campbell of Susan J. Campbell Copywriting Solutions of Saint Joseph, Missouri. This business has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Employer of Excellence.

Susan J. Campbell is passionate about her work and she takes every opportunity to ensure those who work with her are able to break into a similar passion. Balancing work and family is perhaps the greatest stand-out feature within the company. Susan sets the pace by working hard to build the company, encouraging co-workers, and reaching out in service to the community.

Susan is involved in many service opportunities and invites co-workers to join in. Each

year, Susan and her co-workers volunteer at the Royal Family Kids Camp, and Susan is always asking what more can she do to help. She goes above and beyond in her community and in her workplace allowing every employee and independent contractor to set his or her own work schedule.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Susan J. Campbell Copywriting Solutions. This business is a tremendous asset to the St. Joseph community, and I am honored to represent this business in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR RENEE
JONES-BOS OF THE NETHERLANDS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest regards and great appreciation to Ambassador Jones-Bos for her successful efforts to reinforce the strong ties between the people of the United States and the people of the Netherlands.

For four years, Ambassador Jones-Bos has served the Dutch people with energy and grace in a time of great tumult for both the Dutch and American people. During her tenure, our two peoples have stood side-by-side on the battlefields of Afghanistan and as partners in the aftermath of global financial crisis. Throughout these challenges, Ambassador Jones-Bos has been a poised and unwavering advocate for her country and strong ally to the United States. Through her educational efforts and through her sound advice at key times, Ambassador Jones-Bos has played a major diplomatic role in the most significant events of our bi-lateral relationship over the last four years.

The people of the Netherlands and the United States have shared a bond since the Dutch ship, the Half Moon, first sailed up the Hudson River more than 400 years ago. The Dutch helped settle and found New Amsterdam, Brooklyn, and Harlem. Their descendants rose to become Presidents of the United States and to build the great fortunes that helped America attain its stature as the most prosperous and powerful Nation this world has ever known.

As an enthusiastic and committed joint-custodian of those ties since 2008, Ambassador Jones-Bos helped to strengthen our ability to confront with confidence the major challenges that our two countries face today. The strength of our alliance and the endurance of our friendship have made both our nations stronger and the world more secure as a consequence.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on the Netherlands, on behalf of my colleagues and on behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Ambassador Jones-Bos for her dedicated service in support of the ties between the Dutch and

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